

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 Dec 61		2. LOCATION (FAR EAST) 2100N 163E & 2150N 16040E		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☒ Probably Astronomical <i>METEOR</i> ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1.210745Z GMT 2.210750Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5-8 sec and 6-8 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE W	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 1. Luminous conical objt, shallow trajectory. Shallow high reentry path. Visible 5-8 sec prior to burnout. 2. Burning blue-white objt. Glowing as meteorite with tail of short cone shape. Travel W. Desintegration after 6-8 sec observation.				11. COMMENTS 2 observations of same objt. Going wrong way for reentry, also color and duration not in accord. Case has all characteristics of fireball class of meteor.	

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INFO : ARMY-2, NAVY-2, CMC-7, JCS-45, OSD-15, NSA-7, CIA-11, OOP-2,
OOP-CP-1, DIA-2, SAFS-3 (125)

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PACAF ATTN PFICO-C

A. DESCRIPTION OF SHPAE

1. CONICAL

2. UNABLE TO DETERMINE SIZE EXACTLY BECAUSE OF RELATIVE DISTANCE

3. LUMINUS IN COLOR

4. ONE OBJECT ONLY

5. NONE

6 SHALLOW TRAJECTORY

7. NONE

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8. NONE

9. NONE

B. COURSE OF OBJECT.

1. I.F. ENERGY BEING RADIATED

2. M 15-30DEGREES ANGLE OF RE-ENTRY ALTITUDE 100,000 FT PLUS.

3. ALTITUDE AT BURNOUT 100,000 FT PLUS

4. SHALLOW TYPICAL HIGH G REENTRYHSATH

GTMV NONE

6. OBJECT VISIBLE 5-8 SECONDS

C. OBSERVATION

1. AIP-VISUAL

2. NONE

3. C-97/AF00690/6000FT/300 DEGREES/200~~0~~/VAN NUYS AFB CALIF

D.DATZC

-158.3 918 #5

1. 21-00N 163E 21/0750Z

2. NIGHT

E. NONE

F. NONE

1. V. E. HOWARD

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RELIABLE EXCELENT

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G.

1. WXEATHER CLEAR SCATTERED STATUS

2. NONE

3. NONE

4. 20 MILES

5. LOW SCATTERED

6. NONE

7. NONE

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. NONE

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A. 1. BURNING OBJECT AND SHIPS

2. SIZE UNKNOWN

3. BLUE WHITE GLOW

4. ONE OBJECT AND FIVE SHIPS

5. NONE

6. WHOLE OBJECT GLOWING AS METORITE

V7 SHORT CONE

8. NONE

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B.1. FLASH OF LIGHT TO RIGHT OF CO-PILOT.

2. ACHEADING 287 DEGREES. OBJECT APPEARED 120 DEGREES RELATIVE TO
ACFT APP 15 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON.

3. OBJECT DIMINISHED AT A RELATIVE BEARING OF 360 DEGREES AT OR
BELOW THE HORIZON.

4. FLIGHT PATH WAS APPX 258 MAG WITH A VERY FLAT TRAJECTORY

5. OBJECT SEEMED TO DISENTIGRJSE

6. ~~7~~ 8 SECONDS

C.(41. AIR VISUAL

2. NONE

3. C-124A MATS 5510106/8000FT/287DEGREES MAGNETIC/200~~N~~/HICKAM

AFB HAWAII

D.1. 21/0745Z

2. NIGHT

E.21-50N

160-40E OF OBJECT

F.1. NONE

2. D

~~REDACTED~~
CAPTAIN ~~REDACTED~~

PILOT

~~REDACTED~~
1ST LT ~~REDACTED~~

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TSGT 50 ATS APO 953

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FLIGHT ENGINEER

PILOT

G.1. ON TOP

2. 270/26 8000 FT

3. UNLIMITED

4. 15 PLUS

5. SET CUF TOPS 4000 FT

6. NONE

7. PLUS 7 DEGREES C

REMARKS: APPEARED AS BRIGHT BURNING OBJECT 1200 RB FROM AIRCRAFT
APP 150 ABOVE HORIZON. PASSED APP MIDWAY BETWEEN POLARIS AND HOR
THEN CONTINUED DISENTEGRATING UNTIL DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF ACFT
APPROXIMATELY ON HORIZON. TOAL TIME APPX 6-8 SEC. RELATIVE BEARING
CHANGED 120 DEGREES DURING THIS TIME. 5 SHIPS WERE CONTACTED BY
RADAR AND VISUAL CONTACT IN THE VICINITY OBJECT DISAPPEARED.

21/0917Z 2 SHIPS WERE SPOTTED 5 MILES APART 23-35N 156-25E

21/1012Z 1 SHIP SPOTED 15 MILES N MARCUS ISLAND

21/1021Z 1 SHIP 24/55N 153-35E

21/1028Z 1 SHIP 25-00N 153-10E

21/1109Z 1 SHIP WITH SEARCH LITE SCANNING WATER 26-20N 151-30E.

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